

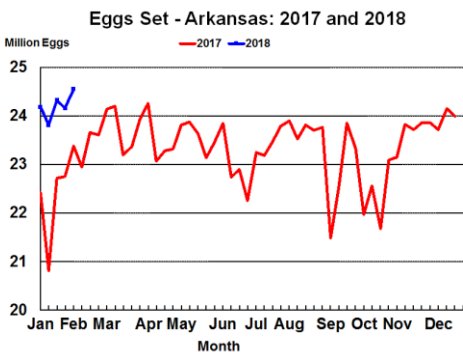
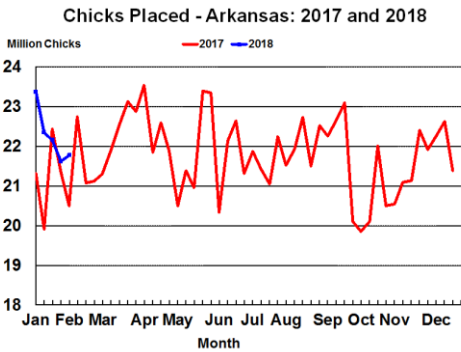


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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 6 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.8 million during the week ending February 3, 2018. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week in 2017 and up 1 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 3, 2018, up 5 percent from the same period last year and up 2 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed - 19 Major States by Week: January 6, 2018 - February 3, 2018

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	6-Jan	13-Jan	20-Jan	27-Jan	3-Feb	6-Jan	13-Jan	20-Jan	27-Jan	3-Feb
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	30,437	29,803	28,659	29,976	29,583	22,638	22,024	22,552	21,947	22,071
Arkansas	24,181	23,805	24,317	24,157	24,549	23,371	22,347	22,157	21,617	21,768
Delaware	5,252	5,253	4,801	5,331	5,269	6,486	5,552	5,153	4,273	5,604
Florida	1,221	1,188	1,225	1,221	1,006	1,410	1,531	1,310	1,199	1,258
Georgia	35,373	35,395	34,962	35,149	35,272	27,834	27,232	26,941	28,093	27,821
Kentucky	7,812	7,609	8,010	7,871	7,879	5,789	5,939	5,391	5,261	6,441
Louisiana	3,621	3,637	3,637	3,591	3,591	3,132	3,092	3,118	3,101	3,101
Maryland	7,686	7,593	7,306	7,899	8,253	5,237	5,507	6,062	6,329	5,591
Mississippi	17,844	18,331	18,106	18,225	18,213	15,562	15,485	15,470	14,733	15,223
Missouri	7,932	7,900	7,932	8,033	7,851	5,911	5,821	5,960	6,483	5,471
N. Carolina	22,085	22,190	21,998	21,887	22,527	18,511	17,587	17,328	17,828	17,236
Oklahoma	7,673	7,547	7,965	7,540	7,638	2,792	4,258	3,762	3,750	3,976
Pennsylvania	5,491	5,461	5,478	4,796	5,454	4,191	4,180	4,109	4,119	4,112
S. Carolina	5,757	5,690	5,685	5,666	5,824	4,641	5,109	4,702	4,838	4,708
Texas	15,792	16,088	16,070	16,183	16,446	13,413	13,175	12,220	12,699	12,856
Virginia	6,639	6,646	6,433	6,328	6,342	5,191	5,926	6,183	6,174	5,375
CA,TN & WV	11,624	11,690	12,299	12,277	12,675	10,888	10,903	11,701	10,930	9,814
Other States	9,174	9,167	9,116	9,364	9,335	7,102	7,103	7,493	7,124	7,124
U.S. Total	225,594	224,993	223,999	225,494	227,707	184,099	182,771	181,612	180,498	179,550
% of Prev. Year	103	103	102	102	104	103	103	101	101	101

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 4 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 228 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 3, 2018, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 3, 2018, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through February 3, 2018 for the United States were 909 million. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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